

Pondicherry Park minutes

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Brian Cushing on 12/17/15 at 4:30 PM
Members present: Brian Cushing, Town rep, Robert Peabody, Town Manager, Bernie King, Selectman and committee recorder, Leigh Hayes, alternate from LEA, Dan Edwards, Town alternate, Marita Wiser, town alternate and Allen Erler, LELT.
Note: Leigh and Dan will be regular members tonight due to absence of Richard Bennett and Ken Murphy.

Absent: Jon Evans, LELT, Richard Bennett, Ken Murphy.

Pledge of allegiance recited

Approval of minutes: After discussion of minutes from October 29 meeting in which Marita and Ken were not in as new members motion made by Allen to accept, 2nd by Leigh, Vote 5 yes, Bernie abstained as not in attendance

Presentation of program Rise Up & Hike Request for Hunger by Nancy Grigg. This is for events to raise money for local food pantries and thought Pondicherry Park would be a good place to hold an event. Discussion of insurance due to the possible amount of people that may attend. Bob P will get copies of the town's parks policy for PPC members. He did look at the policy and found Pondicherry Park is exempt from providing proof of insurance. This event will be in June 2016; Leigh made motion to approve, 2nd by Dan E. Unanimous-yes

Repairs or maintenance noticed on Nov. 2, 2015; Leigh said the fence at Kneeland Spring has been pulled up. Repaint signs. Pasture Trail signage needs to be improved. Bittersweet removal and Leigh will check with the State to see how that can be done. Gravel wet spots. Bob P said to have them identified and Town will take care of. Removal of tree by Kneeland Spring. Tree will be removed. Leaves will be cleaned during spring cleanup. Fireplace at amphitheater needs to be repaired and weeds around rocks have to be removed.

You are here maps: Leigh will look into it and see where and make recommendations to have them done.

Right of way: Contact Nina Keene family re field entrance for mower. We have limited right of way. Bob P. will check probate will as to what might be there regarding this. The committee agreed we can wait on this.

Poison ivy problem: We can wait on this

Spring clean up: Noticed cigarette stamped out on ground at kiosk.

Trail bridges: They are uneven.

Bob P. told committee to send him a list of things that need to be fixed or taken care of
Terms of office: As per the Stewardship Committee bylaws we will random draw for
terms of office.

Next meeting Jan 28, 2016 4:40 PM

Meeting adjourned: 5:42 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Bernie King